

RESOLUTION

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON:

**IN THE MATTER OF THE BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CERTIFYING THE CURRENT EXPENSE LEVY FOR 2020 COLLECTION**

WHEREAS, the Board of Benton County Commissioners has properly given notice of the public hearing held November 19, 2019 to consider Benton County's 2020 property tax levy for the Current Expense budget pursuant to RCW 36.40 et. seq. and RCW 84.55.120; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Benton County Commissioners, after hearing, and after duly considering all relevant evidence and testimony presented, has determined that Benton County's Current Expense fund for 2019 – 2020 requires sustainability in property tax revenue from the previous year, in addition to that resulting from the addition of new construction, improvements to property, newly constructed wind turbines, and any increase in the value of state assessed property, and any annexations that have occurred and refunds made, in order to discharge the expected expenses and obligations of Benton County's Current Expense fund for 2019 - 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the rate of inflation based on the percentage of change in the Implicit Price Deflator (IPD), as defined in RCW 84.55.005(1), published in the Bureau of Economic Analysis' September 2018 *Survey of Current Business* is 1.396%; and,

WHEREAS, under RCW 84.55.005(2)(c), the limit factor for a taxing district with a population of 10,000 or over is the lesser of 101% or 100% plus inflation; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Benton County Commissioners has determined, that to provide funding adequate funding for general operations and maintenance expenses in the years 2020 and thereafter, there is a substantial need for the establishment of a limit factor of 101% for 2020 to ensure sustainable funding in future years and to levy necessary property taxes for 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the previous year Current Expense highest lawful levy was \$24,315,411.96; and,

WHEREAS, the previous year Current Expense levy base was \$23,550,178.71, which is the previous years actual levy of \$23,645,156.89 less administrative refund of \$94,978.18; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Benton County Commissioners has determined that the property tax regular levy shall not be decreased and that an increase in the levy base of the 2020 regular property tax levy in the amount of \$0.00 (which includes a State mandated \$0.025/\$1,000 for mental health and \$0.0113/\$1,000 for veterans' assistance), is appropriate and authorized for the 2020 Current Expense levy, and that this is a percentage increase of 0.00% from the previous year; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Benton County Commissioners has decided to bank the 1.00% to help ensure adequate funding is available in future years; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above described increase is exclusive of additional revenues resulting from the County administrative refund levies for 2020; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above described increase is exclusive of additional revenues resulting from new construction, improvements to property, newly constructed wind turbines, and any increase in the value of state assessed property, and any annexations that have occurred and refunds made; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Clerk is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution and forward the same to the Benton County Assessor so that the levies set herein can be extended upon the assessment roll of the County in the manner and at the time set forth by law.

Dated this day of, 20

Chairman of the Board

Chairman Pro Tem

Member

Constituting the Board of County
Commissioners of Benton County,
Washington

Attest:
Clerk of the Board